

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

- a tie down bracket secured to the transom;
- a support rotatably mounted with respect to the motor such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its mounting point to contact and support the motor; and
- a tie down strap which passes behind the motor and is secured to the tie down bracket.

2. The device of claim 1, wherein the tie down bracket has a base plate which mounts to the transom and a pair of tabs that extend perpendicular to the base plate with the pair of tabs each having a hole.

3. The device of claim 1, wherein the tie down strap is adjustable in length and has a pair of ends that are secured to the tie down bracket on opposite sides of the motor.

4. The tie down strap of claim 3, wherein a hook is secured at each end of the tie down strap for securing the tie down strap to the tie down bracket through the holes on the pair of tabs.

5. The device of claim 1, wherein the support has a cradle which receives and secures the drive shaft housing of the motor.

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6. The device of claim 5, wherein the support comprises a V-frame with a cross bar such that the opening of the V-frame mounts to the trim adjustment rack of the motor.

7. The device of claim 6, wherein the cross bar extends beyond the V-frame to form a pair of handles on either side of the V-frame.

8. The device of claim 1, wherein a lanyard is connected between the motor and the support to raise the support when the motor is raised to an up position.

9. The device of claim 1, wherein the support is rotatably mounted such that the support is positioned between the motor and the transom when the motor is in a down position.

10. The device of claim 9, and further including:
means connected between the support and the motor for rotating the support upward when the motor is tilted from the down position to the up position.

11. The device of claim 10, wherein the support includes a handle.

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~~12~~ An outboard motor support device for securing an outboard motor to a transom of a boat, the device comprising:

a tie down bracket having a base which is secured to the transom and a first and a second tab which extend from the base opposedly facing each other, wherein the first and the second tabs each have a hole;

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a support formed in a V-frame having a cross bar and a cradle, wherein the opening of the V-frame is mounted in relation to the motor such that when the motor is in an up position the support can rotate about its mounting point and the cradle located at the apex of the V-frame receives and supports the motor along the drive shaft housing of the motor; and

a tie down strap of adjustable length having a pair of hooks secured to its ends, wherein one of the hooks is secured in each one of the holes in the tabs and the tie down strap passes behind the drive shaft housing of the motor.

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13. The device of claim 12, wherein the cross bar extends beyond the V-frame to form a pair of handles for the support on either side of the V-frame.

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14. The device of claim 13, wherein the tie down strap passes beneath the handles of the support.

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15. The device of claim 12, wherein a lanyard cable is connected between the motor and the support to raise the support when the motor is tilted to an up position.

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16. A method for securing a kicker motor to a transom of a boat, the method comprising:
tilting the kicker motor to an up position;

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rotating a support having a frame pivotally mounted with respect to the kicker motor and having a cradle, such that the cradle receives and supports the kicker motor along a drive shaft housing of the kicker motor; and securing a tie down strap to the transom such that the tie down strap passes behind the drive shaft housing of the motor and secures the kicker motor in place between the cradle of the support and the tie down strap.

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